

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR A CORPORATE PORTAL****ABSTRACT**

A corporate portal which, by incorporating pivot portal and knowledge explorer concepts, is configured to provide the user with relevant information gathered and filtered from disparate sources. A portal accessible by a plurality of users over a network comprises a portal page including a first pane and a second pane, the first pane including at least one knowledge map comprising a plurality of nodes selectable by the user, the second pane including at least one portal object responsive to the selection of nodes within the knowledge maps, wherein the portal object comprises information associated with the node selection. The nodes in the knowledge map may be displayed to the user in accordance with a taxonomy. The portal may also include a knowledge explorer configured to allow the user to select multiple nodes.

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